



Mountain View Recycling Resource

YOUR SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT • RECYCLING • REUSE • WASTE PREVENTION • POLLUTION PREVENTION • SPRING/SUMMER 2012

Citywide Garage Sale

At Your Home
Saturday, May 5
8 am to 2 pm



- Free newspaper advertising for sellers.
- Buyers may search online for sale items and locations at **www.MVRecycle.org**.
- Printed maps available May 4 at City Hall Plaza.
- Hold a sale at your home or coordinate a block sale or fundraiser.

Register by April 13 at **www.MVRecycle.org** or call **(650) 903-6311** for form.

Community Yard Sale

At Rengstorff Park (201 S. Rengstorff Ave)
Saturday, May 12
8 am to 2 pm

- Over 100 vendors in one location with hot bargains, good food and more.
- Admission free to buyers. Sellers register to rent space for a small fee.

Register by April 13. Call **(650) 903-6331** for information.

Paper Shredding Events

At SMaRT Station® in Sunnyvale
Saturday April 28, August 25 and Nov. 3
8 am to 12 noon

- Proof of Mountain View residency required (e.g., utility bill, driver's license).
- Bring only confidential documents such as tax returns, bank statements and medical records.
- No heavy binders, binder clips, mixed media such as VHS tapes, CDs or computer disc/drives (paper clips, staples, spiral notebooks ok).
- Limit of five (5) banker boxes or paper grocery bags per household per event.
- Unloading assistance available, if needed.

Call **(650) 903-6311** for more information. See page 4 for a map to the SMaRT Station.

Free Home Composting Workshops



Mountain View Community Center at Rengstorff Park (201 S. Rengstorff Ave.)
Saturday, April 28 or Saturday, May 19
10 am to 12 noon

Learn how to turn your grass, leaves, and kitchen scraps into nutritious soil for your garden.

Pre-registration is required, call the Rotline at **(408) 918-4640** or visit **www.ReduceWaste.org**.

Stop Junk Mail

Still digging out from all that unwanted holiday related junk mail?
Take action to stem the flood of junk mail to your door.

Try the following opt-out services for convenient, easy solutions to paper waste reduction:

www.CatalogChoice.org—originally designed to cancel or customize catalog deliveries, this site now offers help managing all types of junk mail.

www.YellowPagesOptOut.com—get only the directories you want.

www.OptOutPrescreen.com—opt-out of credit card and insurance offers (or call **1-888-567-5688**).

Other things you can do are:

- Return junk mail unopened to the sender by writing "Refused—Return to Sender" on the envelope. Without this special notation, the Post Office will not return the mail to the sender.
- Most catalogs provide a toll-free (800) telephone number for placing an order; call this number and ask to be taken off their mailing list.
- If you receive unwanted flyers or mail, call the customer service department of the organization or business responsible and request that your name be removed from their mailing list. Alternatively, send in a written request that is signed and dated. Include a sample of the mailing label so the sender can identify how you are listed in their files.



Safe Medication Disposal

At Arbor Day Celebration
Saturday, March 10 • 11 am to 1 pm

Bring old and unwanted prescription pills, drugs and other medications for safe and proper disposal (no controlled substances). Please consolidate pills into one container or zip lock bag and leave ointments and liquids in original container.

Call the Environmental Protection Division at **(650) 903-6378** for more information.



Potential New Collection Services

Development of a new solid waste and recycling collection agreement is underway. The new contract may provide an opportunity to add services to increase diversion and customer convenience. Diversion estimates and costs for a wide range of services are currently being developed. The City Council will evaluate this information and choose services in late Spring.

To stay informed or provide input, please visit the Zero Waste page at **www.MVRecycle.org**

Is Your Home Wasting Energy?

Sign Up with Energy Upgrade Mountain View to Find Out—15 minutes Could Save You \$100 or More!

The City is providing up to 1,500 FREE home energy assessments for both *homeowners* and *renters*. All participants receive a customized *Home Energy Profile* that clearly explains how energy is being used in the home, and which no- and low-cost actions will save the most energy and money.



Join over 200 of your neighbors already using this innovative energy-saving program! Go to **EnergyUpgradeMV.org** for more information and to sign up.



How to Recycle at Home

1. Household Batteries

Place used batteries in the bag provided by Recology Mountain View and set on top of cart. Recology will empty it and return the bag to you for reuse. (Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire. Spent batteries may have enough voltage remaining to start a fire.)

2. Mixed Containers (Blue Lid)

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and wide-mouth tubs #1 through #7, metal cans and metal lids in the cart under the blue lid.

3. Paper (Grey Lid)

Put newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the cart under the grey lid.

4. Used Motor Oil and Filters

Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Recology and set on top of the curb.

5. Cardboard

Flatten and tie or tape into bundles no more than 3’x3’ in size and place on top of curb next to recycle cart.



Where to Set Out Carts

- 1 Set out all carts **in the street** by 7 am on collection day. Remove carts no later than the next day.
- 2 Place carts in the street **at least 18 inches apart** (for mechanical collection). Keep carts away from overhanging trees, carports and balconies.
- 3 Store the carts inside the garage or behind a fence, hedge, or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.
- 4 Do not place carts on top of the curb or on the sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, driver will collect carts from the top of the curb.

Extra garbage

Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Lucky, Safeway, Nob Hill or Rite-Aid (Grant Road), the City Library or Finance Department at City Hall. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.

On Call Plus Clean Up Program

The **On Call Plus** clean up program is a service available to most residents at no charge*. Residents may schedule three free appointments each year, at their convenience, on normal service days. Each appointment can be used to set out extra trash, recycling or yard waste PLUS up to three bulky items, such as appliances or furniture.

* Apartment managers must call Recology at **650-967-3034** to arrange a complex-wide special collection (extra fees apply).

Set-Out Guidelines

- Visit **Clean Up Programs** at **www.MVRecycle.org** for detailed guidelines.
- Place items in an area no larger than 8 feet long by 4 feet high and 4 feet wide.
- Bags, boxes and bundles may not weigh more than 50 pounds or be longer than 4’ in length.
- **Extra fees apply** for refrigerators, computer monitors, televisions and up to 4 passenger vehicle tires.
- We do **NOT** accept concrete, soil, rock, tree stumps, construction debris or household hazardous waste.

Vouchers

Residents may exchange any of the On Call appointments for a voucher to self-haul items directly to the SMaRT Station (see page 4 for map). Each voucher is good for one vehicle entrance. Call Recology at **650-967-3034** to request vouchers a week before.

Schedule an On Call Plus Pick-Up

It’s easy! Call Recology at 650-967-3034 to schedule a pick-up. Keep items separated for collection by different trucks (trash, recyclables, yard trimmings, electronics, furniture). Place items at curbside.

Appointments may be scheduled anytime before December 21, 2012. No appointments scheduled December 26, 2012 through January 18, 2013 to allow for collection of holiday trees.

Extra yard trimmings and recycling

If you *regularly* have extra recycling or yard waste, order a larger or second cart (no charge). If you *occasionally* need more service, use an On Call Plus Clean Up appointment (no charge) or schedule an extra collection (\$10/cart). Extra recycling only can be dropped off at the Mountain View Recycling Center, 935 Terra Bella Avenue. Sorry, extra recycling will not be collected in bags outside the cart because drivers operate fully automated trucks with mechanical arms.

Questions? Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034.

WHAT’S RECYCLABLE?

Accepted

Mixed Paper



Catalogs • Cereal/cake/tissue/shoe boxes • Computer paper • Gift wrap (no metallics) • Junk mail • Newspapers • Magazines • Manila folders • Paper egg cartons • Paper bags • Post-it-notes • Paperback books • Shredded paper • Telephone books • Writing paper

Mixed Containers (Caps and Lids OK)

Glass bottles and jars
Metal cans and lids (aluminum, tin and steel)
Plastic bottles and tubs marked #1-7



Not Accepted

Mixed Paper

Any paper with food or beverage residue • Coffee cups • Donut or pastry boxes • Food and candy wrappers • Foil or metallic gift wrap • Frozen food boxes • Hardback books • Milk/ice cream/juice/soy cartons or pouches • Paper cups/plates/napkins • Paper with paint or pet waste • Pizza boxes • Paper towel • Photographs • Snack or potato chip bags • Take-out food containers or wrappers • Tissue • Tyvek or padded envelopes • Waxed paper, cardboard or cartons

Mixed Containers

Any plastic container not marked #1 through #7 • Any plastic container larger than 2-gallons • Aerosol cans • Black plastics of any kind • Ceramics and porcelain • Clamshells* • Drinking glasses • Hard plastics of any kind (such as toys, plant pots, pails, laundry baskets, garden hoses) • Plastic bags or other plastic film • Plastic cups, plates, utensils and straws • Pots and Pans (or other scrap metal) • Pyrex • Styrofoam of any kind

* Clamshells are containers with a connected lid.

This list may also be used for apartment and business recycling. Check container label to sort recyclables.

For Homes with Split Carts: When is my Collection Day?

Find Your Collection Day/Recycling Week:

- 1 Locate your neighborhood on the map below and note the collection day and color (or use the online street index below*).
- 2 Match the color to the calendar at right for the recycling week (i.e. Grey = Week B). **Example:** On Church Street between Hope and Castro, garbage day is every Tuesday, and recycling day is every other Tuesday starting on January 3 (Week A).

Questions? Call Recology Mountain View for schedules.

Apartments with group carts should call Recology at **650-967-3034** for schedules.

Holidays

Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 24), Christmas (December 25) and New Year's Day (January 1). If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week, with Friday collection on Saturday.

Free On Call Plus Clean Up Program

Residents may schedule 3 curbside collections of extra trash, yard waste and bulky goods by calling Recology at **650-967-3034**. Appointments may be scheduled any time before December 21, 2012 and can be used to set out extra material in an 8'L x 4'W x 4'H area PLUS up to 3 bulky goods such as a washer, sofa and mattress at no charge. Appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul to the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale. No appointments scheduled December 26, 2012 through January 18, 2013.

*Find your collection day online: www.MVRecycle.org and click on collection schedule.

Color = Week A
Grey = Week B



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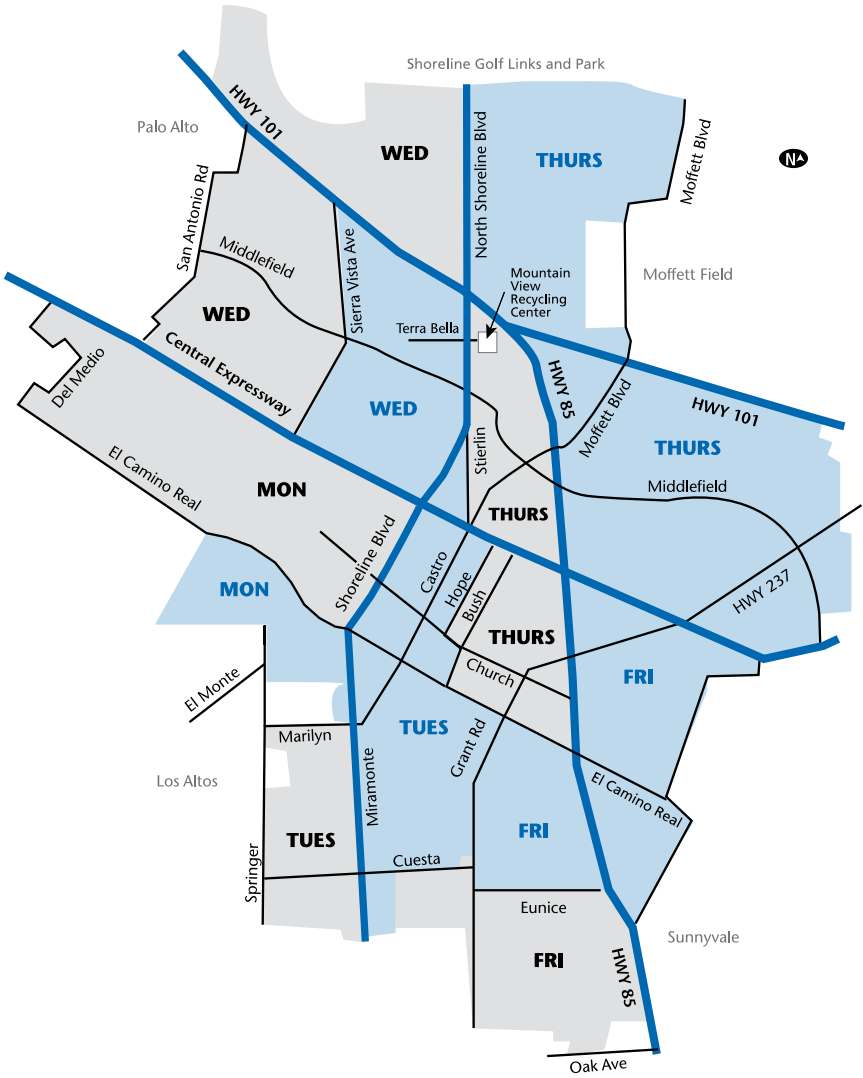
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E-Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Services

Effective February, 2006, California banned consumer electronics and other hazardous waste from the trash. These items cannot be placed in garbage or recycling containers because they contain lead, copper, mercury or chromium that can pollute the environment. The SMaRT Station and the County Household Hazardous Waste Program accept many items without charge. Recology also accepts many items in the On Call Plus Clean Up Program without charge, but fees may apply for special handling of refrigerators, computer monitors and television sets.

Recology Mountain View (650-967-3034) Curbside Collection On Call Plus (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer disk drives
- Fax machines, calculators
- Keyboards, mouse
- Microwaves, stoves
- PDA's, camcorders, digital cameras
- Printers, scanners
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- VCRs, DVD players
- Washer, dryer
- Water heaters

Special Collection (fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers
- Computer monitors, laptops
- Televisions
- Tires

SMaRT Station (408-752-8530) 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers (one each) (**fee***)
- Batteries (household¹ and vehicle)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer monitors, laptops, disk drives
- Fax machines, printers, scanners, calculators
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Keyboard, mouse
- Microwaves and stoves (**fee***)
- PDA's, camcorders, digital cameras
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Televisions
- Thermometers, thermostats
- Passenger Tires (limit four) (**fee***)
- VCRs and DVD players
- Washer, dryer (**fee***)
- Water heaters (**fee***)

***No fee for residents using On Call Plus Voucher**

County HHW Program (408-299-7300 or www.hhw.org) By Appointment Only (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Fire extinguishers, flares
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Oil, paints, solvents, pesticides
- Pool chemicals, asbestos
- Medicine
- Propane/balloon tanks
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Smoke detectors
- Thermometers and thermostats.



¹ Household batteries may also be recycled through the residential curbside program (650-967-3034).
² Cell phones may be taken back to retail stores.

Recycling Directory

Bulb and Battery Take-Back Locations

Fluorescent lamps (compact bulbs, straight, circular, spiral and U-bent tubes) and **Household batteries** (no automotive batteries) from residential households can be taken to the following locations free of charge:

Lamps and batteries
Blossom True Value Hardware
1297 W El Camino Real, 650-964-7871
(Leave with employee at register)

Orchard Supply Hardware
2555 Charleston Road, 650-691-2000
(Leave at customer service desk)

Lamps only
New Era Lighting
2243 Old Middlefield Way, 650-940-1559

Batteries only
Wolfe Camera
1898 W El Camino Real, 650-968-5666

Services

Utility and garbage billing information including starting or changing garbage accounts, and purchasing extra garbage tags. City Finance and Administrative Services Department
650-903-6317

Garbage and recycling collection including pickup schedule, missed pickups, what's recyclable, extra bins, extra yard trimmings, clean up and bulky goods services. Recology Mountain View
650-967-3034

Household batteries can be taken to either Mountain View or SMaRT Station recycling centers. Residents with split carts may use curbside pickup (see page 2).

Household hazardous waste free disposal by appointment. County Toxics Hotline
408-299-7300
www.hhw.org

Home composting information including free Bay-Friendly Gardening workshops, compost bins and brochures. County Compost Hotline
408-918-4640
www.ReduceWaste.org

Pollution prevention information including best methods to reduce pollution. City Environmental Safety Staff
650-903-6378

Recycling Leaders Program
City Public Works Department
650-903-6311

Water conservation information including methods, technology, and product rebates. City Water Conservation Staff
650-903-6216

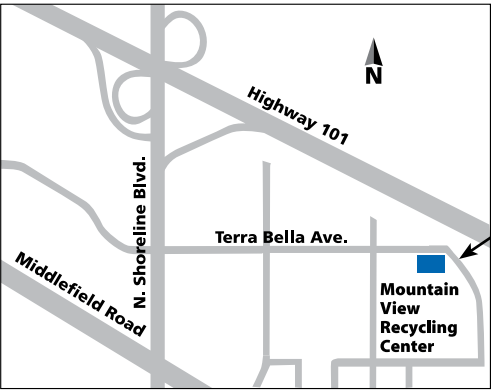
Visit the City of Mountain View's web site for business or residential recycling information: www.MVRecycle.org



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Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers

Mountain View sponsors two recycling centers where residents and businesses can drop off extra recycling or redeem "California Redemption Value" cans and bottles for cash.



Mountain View Recycling Center 935 Terra Bella Avenue, Mountain View

Hours: Buy-back Tues-Sat 9 am–3 pm
Drop-off Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 6 pm.

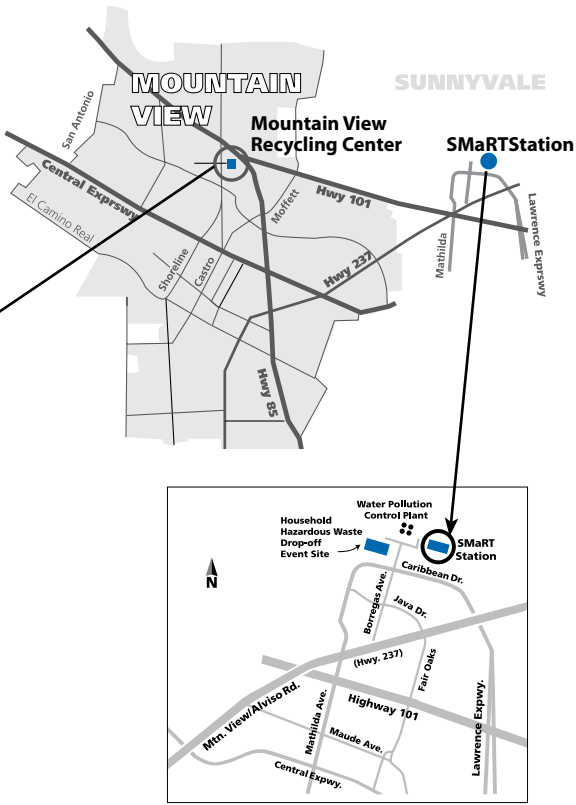
Questions? Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries*
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7

* **Batteries are accepted only during Buy-Back hours, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday**

Please take motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, fluorescent lights or construction material to the SMaRT Station.



SMaRT Station 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View's garbage, yard trimmings, and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies). Free compost and mulch may be picked up by residents at the drop-off center.

Hours: Daily 7 days a week 8 am–5 pm.

Questions? Call SMaRT at **408-752-8530**.

Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

Cardboard • Glass bottles and jars • Household batteries • Metal cans and lids • Mixed Paper • Newspaper • Plastic bottles and tubs #1–#7 • Scrap metal less than 6 feet long, pots and pans

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off

To make an appointment, call Santa Clara County HHW Program at **408-299-7300**. Find out more online:
www.hhw.org



Home Composting

Learn to compost and create a healthy and sustainable garden. To register call Santa Clara County Home Composting Program at **408-918-4640** or register online:
www.ReduceWaste.org



Spring/Summer 2012 Solid Waste and Recycling Calendar

March 10	Safe Medication Drop Off (see page 1)
March 17	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
April 21	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
April 22	Earth Day (www.earthday.org)
April 28	Confidential Paper Shredding Event (see page 1) Home Composting Workshop (see page 1)
April 29	Bay-Friendly Garden Tour (www.BayFriendlyCoalition.org)
May 5	Citywide Garage Sale at Homes (see page 1)
May 12	Community Yard Sale at Rengstorff Park (see page 1)
May 19	Home Composting Workshop (see page 1) Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day National River Cleanup Day (www.CleanACreek.org)
June 16	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
July 21	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
August 18	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
August 25	Confidential Paper Shredding Event (see page 1)